

Otter Tail Family Services Collaborative

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Chemical Health Grant Planning Meeting

Meeting Notes

1 – 2 p.m., October 21, 2011

Government Service Center, Fergus Falls

Present: Mary Matteson (Fergus Falls Public Schools-2); Karmy Thompson (OTC Human Services); Kyle Mack (Prairie St. John's-120); Carole Zarling (Productive Alternatives Detox program-2); Marion Kershner (OTC Public Health); Chad Campion (Lakeland Mental Health/SBMH Fergus Falls-3); Angie Schreder (Perham Schools – 110); and Jane Patrick (Collaborative Coordinator).

1. Jane Patrick began the meeting with a welcome and a round of introductions. This is Karmy's last meeting with the work group. She has accepted a position with Wadena County and will be leaving at the end of October. Margaret Williams will be the person assigning Karmy's place on the work group so Jane follow-up with Margaret after things have been decided at the County.
2. Are there other grant opportunities out there? What about liquor distributors? Marsha Krenzler-Stetson would be the person to ask if participation in CARE activities dropped due to the loss of funding for transportation. Carole noted that next time we need to be sure to keep the east side of the county in mind when allocating funding. Where are the other services that people from OTC access? (Wadena County & Detroit Lakes)
3. Task # 2 was discussed. Ideas for promotional messages included:
 - Put jpegs from posters/postcards, etc., on school website and in newsletters
 - Powerschool messages
 - Hand out flyers at school sporting events
 - The Backstroms are coming back for Youth Health Day on March 6th; with an approximate fee of \$5 per student (check at Pamida Foundation for a \$3000 grant); they will also present a community night event at Kennedy Secondary School; how can this group help to support and promote that conference?
 - ITV sessions from Prairie St. John's – this offer is open but we would need to find a specific – what are the signs and symptoms of abuse and addiction? Who to call about concerns, crisis, etc.? Jane to check on the website for parent resources pertaining to use.
 - What resources are available on-line for parents?
 - SADD regional conference in Pelican Rapids
 - "When to worry about your friends" event after the Backstrom event
 - November/December letter from David Hauser- when are parents liable for underage drinking? Explain "social host" to parents.

4. The group discussed their work plan to promote a county-wide social host ordinance in Otter Tail County. Marion agreed to check with Diane Thorson to see if Public Health would be willing to present this idea to the county board on behalf of the Chemical Health Work Group. Jane will connect with David Hauser and Brian Schlueter to see if they will also support this concept. Once each of these key players is on board, the group will move ahead with bringing this idea to the County Board. Jane will also check with the Police Departments in the County to see if they would also be on board with implementing social host ordinances within their cities.
5. The group discussed the meeting with the judges. A request was made to inquire what is happening with people charged with furnishing; is there any consistency in ordering based on providing alcohol. Could parents that charged with furnishing be required to go to a class with a fee charged?
6. **Future meeting schedule for Chemical Health Work Group** –from 1 – 3 p.m. on November 18, December 16, January 20 and February 17 with additional future dates on the 3rd Friday of each month pending the outcome of the SPIFSIG Grant.